

Application No.: 10/633,902

Attorney Docket No.: BRONNE00104

REMARKS

Claims 12-35 are pending in the present application. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under Non-statutory Double Patenting - 7,022,088

Claims 12-35 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 7,022,088.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

Rejections under Non-statutory Double Patenting - 7,175,644

Claims 12-35 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 7,175,644.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

Rejections under Non-statutory Double Patenting - 6,749,606

Claims 12-35 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,749,606.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

Rejections under Non-statutory Double Patenting - 6,712,812

Claims 12-35 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,712,812.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

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Rejections under Non-statutory Double Patenting - 6,629,951

Claims 12-35 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,629,951.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

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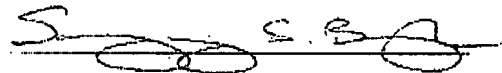
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections and pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the appropriate fee and/or petition is not filed herewith and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-3973 referencing Attorney Docket No.

BRONNE00104. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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